



St Andrew's C of E Primary School 1st May

Everyone is different. Everyone is special. Everyone is our neighbour.





Wishing you all a lovely bank holiday weekend! Enjoy the longer weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 5th May.





Lunch times in St Andrew's...

Lunch times in St Andrew's mean...exploring nature, being with the chickens, playing with friends, imaginative games, art & crafts - as well as football, tennis, basketball and unihoc!













Fun Run

Thank you to the parent volunteers who organise the Fun Run - these events would not happen without you! This is the final year one particular parent will be involved in the school, so if the Fun Run is to continue, it will need another parent volunteer. Do talk to Liz Bingham (Yr 6 parent) if you are interested.

As always, finding a time to do the Fun Run to suit everyone is tricky. A small adjustment this year is that Key Stage 1 runners will only run 30 minutes, with Key Stage 2 runners using the whole hour. Please remember to wear trainers and clothes suitable to weather /running, water and sunscreen/ hats.



Year 2 and 3 tennis workshop

This week, Years 2 and 3 had their second tennis workshop. The coaches were delighted to see skills and enthusiasm develop. We've seen more children choosing to play tennis at lunch as a result.





Doodle Maths



It is always great to see the anticipation each Friday celebration assembly over which class has won the Doodle Star!

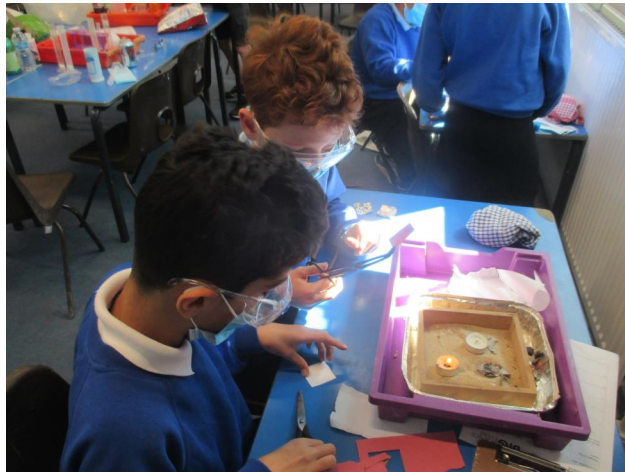
Doodle Maths ([DoodleMaths: The Best Maths App for Kids | DoodleLearning](#)) has been working hard to link itself even closer to White Rose (our Maths scheme) - this means that Maths tasks set for homework are well-aligned to support and consolidate the learning from class. Please encourage your children to practice their Maths skills daily, in the same way that they read daily.

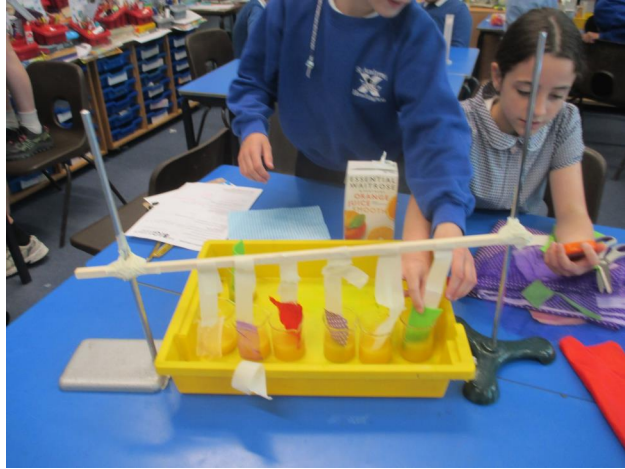
Big Science

Every year, St Andrew's pupils put their science investigative skills (which they have been practising each week in Science lessons) to work, creating their own scientific questions, methods, data collection and drawing conclusions from the results. Parents/ carers will have an opportunity to hear about their investigations, but here are some photos of our scientists hard at work.









Waitrose tokens

Please remember to put some tokens in the St Andrew's box to secure our school some money. Windmill Primary also has a box, so the competition is on!



Conversation starters with your child

Spirituality at St Andrew's

Spirituality is one of the four requirements made of all schools in the UK under SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural development). Spirituality will mean something different to different people and different families. Ofsted suggests it is the ability to be reflective about our own beliefs, religious or otherwise, that inform our perspective on life and our interest in and respect for different people's faiths, feelings and values.

As a school we are using '4 moments' to help us consider and develop how we reflect on spirituality in different areas of our lives, throughout the curriculum. The pictures show and explain these 4 moments.

St Andrew's Spirituality: 'Four moments'



Candle Moments: Your relationship with something greater than yourself

'What are you amazed by?'

'Why do bad things happen?'

'Who made the stars?'

'Who is God?'

'Does God care for me?'

('God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son...John 3:16.')

St Andrew's Spirituality: 'Four moments'



Door Moments: Your relationship with others

- 'How would it feel if you put yourself in someone else's shoes today?'
- 'What positive thing could you say to your friend today?'
- 'How does God want me to treat others?' (Love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12)

St Andrew's Spirituality: 'Four moments'



Mirror moments: Your relationship with yourself

- 'What makes you special / unique?'
- 'What inside you makes you a good friend?'
- 'I am good enough just as I am!'
- 'What are your hopes for the future?'
- 'Who does God say I am?' (You are God's Masterpiece. Eph 2:10)

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Window Moments: Your relationship with the world

- 'What will you take the time to stop and notice, that will make you say wow today?'
- 'What do you not know about yet, but would like to explore?'
- 'How might the world out there need help / justice?'
- 'Does God care about Justice in the world?'
- (God asks us 'to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God'. Micah 6:8)

Coffee mornings



Every Thursday morning will be a coffee morning with Mrs Suzanne Walker. Feel free to pop in any time between 8.45 - 9.30am to meet other parents/ carers or to talk to Mrs Walker. The coffee morning will be held in the learning base - come to the school reception to be signed in.

Health, Safety and safeguarding



Health

This term's **Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter**

[Summer Term \(5\): Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter April 2026](#)

Information about sun safety, water safety, free eye tests and school aged immunisation service - amongst other things.

Safety

Please carry or push bikes and scooters on school site.



Dates



Term dates for this academic year (2025-26) are available [here](#).

Below are some key dates which impact the whole school.

In addition, class letters will have specific dates for special events, visitors or trips for your child's class.

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday - no school

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATS

Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th May - Year 4 residential at Hill End

Friday 15th May, 2.30pm - Year 2 sharing at celebration assembly (Year 2 parents/ carers invited)

Sunday 17th May - SASA Fun Run

Friday 22nd May - Term ends (3.15pm Reception/ 3.20pm Years 1-6)

Helpful information for parents/ carers

Parent/carers engagement:

At St Andrew's, we would love for every parent/carers to feel that they can engage with the school at the level at which they feel comfortable. For some this might mean becoming a governor; for others this might mean helping out at an event or being able to contribute financially.

SASA (St Andrew's School Association) is the parent/carer group of which every adult with a child in the school is automatically a part. Please can you take the time to complete this **brief survey about SASA** (St Andrew's School Association) so that the school can have a better understanding of how parents/ carers would like to be involved: [Parent/ carer engagement – Fill in form](#)

Fundraising:

As a school, we are extremely grateful to our parent body / SASA who look for ways to raise money for the school, through events such as the fun run, disco, film night etc - this all supports the wider learning opportunities, such as keeping our lovely library well-stocked, updating our play equipment, developing our music provision. In addition, as a school, we seek out opportunities for grants and free events/ trips, to enable all of our pupils to have a rich learning experience during their time at St Andrew's.

Sometimes families are unable to attend the fund-raising events but would still like to contribute to the school. For this reason, we have set up the following options:

1. A **QR code** found on our [website](#).
2. An **Amazon 'wish list'**: <https://amzn.eu/2DAkpvb>
3. **Cashback from Sainsburys and Argos** – signing up to the MySchoolFund. When someone signs up using our school code, the individual gets 2% cashback on spend in Sainsburys and Argos and the school gets 1% in eGift vouchers. Link to our school (use postcode OX3 9ED) on the My School Fund website. If this could work for you, please do sign up. Sign up today at www.myschoolfund.org Our school registration number : 29600

Eggs: Don't forget that eggs from our very own chickens are on sale in the office. The children looking after the chickens are keen to get this money, as we need it to buy food for the chickens!

Recycling opportunity

We are really pleased to see the success of the recycling box (via Collection4Clothes) for clothes and other items. For every kg collected, the school receives 40p and also Great Ormond Street Hospital received a donation: [Clothing Collections | Great Ormond Street Charity \(gosh.org\)](#)

Please bring items to the box in the school office foyer. The box will be emptied on a regular basis. So, there is no deadline - bring items along as suits you. The items should be in good condition - the sort that you would take to a charity shop.

Library books: If a book is overdue, a reminder comes from the librarian. If the book is lost or damaged, the cost of the book is on that overdue reminder slip. Replacing a book or sending in money to cover the cost of the book enables the library to remain well-stocked.

Toys: At St Andrew's we ask that children do not bring in toys and special items from home, as these items can be lost, which causes upset and tension between children when accusations arise as to who might have taken or broken an item.

Information about local events



1 - Oxford Hoops Basketball Club.

Oxford Hoop Basketball Club are looking for more girls from Years 5 and 6 so that when the teams split into separate girls and boys teams, the girls will still have enough players to make up a team. If you are interested in joining the club have a look at their website:- Oxfordhoops.co.uk for more information.

Sessions take place:-Saturday mornings 9:00am - 11:00am (7-11year olds)

Saturday mornings 11:00am to 13:00pm (11 - 14 year olds) Sunday afternoon 12:00pm - 2:00pm 1(10-11 year olds) and Friday evenings 7:00pm - 8:30pm (10-11 yr olds.

All sessions take place at Cheney School.

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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES – GREEN SPACES

The map devised at the workshop last week is available as a hard copy from
Thornhill Park & Ride, coffee shop Courtside cafe in Bury Knowle Park
Cafe Coco on London Road, central Headington Cafe Grill at 12 Cherwell Drive, the bottom of Headley Way
After 12.00 pm: Red Lion, Marston Up In Arms, Ferry Road
and may be more by the weekend

for more information, contact Jane Moore sylviajane.moore@outlook.com
there's also a QR code to access it but this newsletter editor does not have access to it

Further information about places to get outside locally are on
<https://www.oxford.gov.uk/go-active-outdoors-green-spaces-nature>

OXFORD UNIVERSITY'S GARDENS & MUSEUMS

<https://www.glam.ox.ac.uk/whats-on>

AN EPIC MAMMOTH EVENT Oxford University Museum of Natural History, Parks Road, OX1 3PW
Saturday 25 April 11.00 – 12.00 recommended for children aged 7-11 years and their families
Step into the frozen world of Mammoth Rider in this immersive event with author S.J. Poyton. Come and hear all about
Ash Grimes and her enormous, extraordinary companions - the newly returned mammoths - and discover how this thrilling
adventure blends bold science, brave characters and big ideas about climate, conservation and courage.
in the lecture theatre FREE but booking needed <https://tickets.ox.ac.uk/webstore/shop/viewitems.aspx>

RELAXED MORNING OPENING

Saturday 25 April 9.00-10.00
Relaxed morning openings allow visitors to experience the Museum of Natural History and Pitt Rivers Museum early in the
day, when the buildings are quiet. The museum opens an hour early to welcome visitors who may struggle in the museums
at peak times. The number of visitors is capped, which reduces ambient noise levels and how full the museum is.
FREE but booking is required <https://oumh.ox.ac.uk/event/relaxed-morning-opening>

MEET THE SCIENTISTS: TRY OUT RESEARCH!

Saturday 25 April 12.30-3.30
Join the Oxford University Experimental Psychology team to take part in real research. Taking part in these activities will help
scientists discover more about children's behaviour and how their brains work.
Information about the studies available on the day:

Three cup study (3-4 year olds) In this study, researchers look at whether early logical reasoning may influence the
development of anxiety in young children. The children will play an online game and win sticker rewards.
Parents will be asked to fill in an online questionnaire.

VR study (5-8 year olds): In this study, children will be asked to share stickers with others. The study aims to see how
observer effects (number of virtual avatars watching) affect sharing behaviour in children. Duration 15-20 mins per child.
Children will gain a book voucher and stickers for their participation.

Please note that there are limited spaces and there will be a sign-up sheet available on the day to register to take part in the
studies whilst at the Museum

THE SCHWARZMAN CENTRE FOR THE HUMANITIES OPENING DAY Woodstock Road, OX2 6GG
Saturday 25 April The new and seriously impressive building in the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter between Woodstock
Road and Walton Street is flinging open its doors for a public opening; it's your chance to enjoy some really incredible
performances and events - all FREE but some needing to be booked.
<https://www.schwarzmancentre.ox.ac.uk/stephen-a-schwarzman-centre-for-the-humanities-opens-its-doors-to-the-public-with-a-major-celebration>
<https://www.schwarzmancentre.ox.ac.uk/>

HOW IT FEELS TO BE FREE

Friday 24 April 7.30 All Saints Church House, New High Street, OX3 7AL
A concert featuring some very fine local traditional folk musicians and singers.
FREE but donations encouraged for Asylum Welcome, the Oxford charity helping people in Oxford who are refugees.

THE STORY MUSEUM

COMIC CLUB Saturday 30 May 11.00 - 12.30 42, Pembroke Street, OX1 1BP
Comic Club for 8 - 11 year olds runs monthly and develops young people's comic making skills with professional comic
book artist, Neil Cameron, on hand to offer helpful advice and tips. There are two bursary spaces available for each
session, for those who qualify for FSM <https://www.storymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/comic-club-2021>
To apply for a bursary, please contact lesley.williams@headingtonpartnership.co.uk for the necessary form and
return it to learning@storymuseum.org.uk. You need to be quick!

SCIENCE OXFORD

The Science Oxford Centre, Stansfeld Park, Quarry Road, OX3 8SB
FAMILY DAYS every Saturday – two hours in the Exploration Zone 10.00-12.00, 12.30-2.30, 3.00-5.00
the outdoor water lab and all day access to the woodlands best for ages 3+ but all are welcome
£8.50 per person which includes the Eventbrite fee - free for Under 3s
You are advised to book in advance <https://scienceoxford.com/events/family-days-every-saturday/>

STEM THEMED SATURDAY CLUBS most Saturdays 10.00-11.30, 12.30-2.00, 3.00-4.30
£15 per child – accompanying adult(s) free <https://scienceoxford.com/centre/science-oxford-centre-events/>
helping you and your child to learn from each other and work together while trying out new things
book now - they sell out quickly! <https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/>

NATURE CLUB : POND DIPPING - NEWT DAY Saturday 25 April 10.00, 12.30, 3.00
for ages 5-9 SOLD OUT <https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/pond-dipping-newt-day/>

SCIENCE CLUB : SOUND SCIENCE Saturday 16 May 10.00, 12.30, 3.00
for ages 5-9 <https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/sound-science/>

IF OXFORD SCIENCE AND IDEAS FESTIVAL - POETRY OF SCIENCE COMPETITION

The Poetry of Science competition returns to create its 10th anthology of new work from young writers!
As part of If Oxford, the annual science and ideas festival, young poets are invited to explore the wonders of science
through verse. Whether inspired by biology, physics, chemistry, or any other scientific field, hundreds of creative new
works have flowed to the panel of judges over a decade of creativity. You can read all previous anthologies, down-
loadable from the website. **Deadline is next Friday 1 May**

The winning and runner up poems will be performed, and prizes, anthologies and certificates presented during the festival
on a Saturday in mid October – date and venue to be confirmed. <https://if.oxford.com/poetry-competition/>

HILL END OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

Eynsham Road, OX2 9NJ
HILL END CENTENARY OF OUTDOOR LEARNING (1) LOGO COMPETITION
Hill End Outdoor Education Centre is celebrating a very special milestone - in 2026, it marks an amazing 100 years since
children first came to Hill End for adventure and outdoor learning, at the outdoor school set up by the fenestril family
who had bought the whole Wytham estate from the Earl of Abingdon. To celebrate, a "DESIGN AN AWESOME LOGO"
competition has launched for children age 4-12, to create a bold, imaginative centenary logo that captures the spirit of Hill
End. The winning design will be chosen by celebrity judge, renowned children's 'Winnie the Witch' illustrator Korky
Paul, and will be used throughout the centenary celebrations. **Deadline for entries – Thursday 30 April**
<https://hill-end.org/news/logo-comp/>

(2) MEMORIES OF HILL END BLOG

With 2026 marking a century since the very first schools visited Hill End by charabanc from Oxford city, there is an exciting
year planned; everyone who knows and loves Hill End is invited to get involved. One element is a collation of HILL END
STORIES – a blog celebrating 100 years of outdoor learning. It is hoped to collect memories through the decades, with
interesting and unusual things you might not know! Please add any stories you have, however short or vague and
include photos if you have them <https://hill-end.org/about/stories> <https://hill-end.org/news/memory-bank/>

COURTSIDE @ BURY KNOWLE HUB

Bury Knowle Park, OX3 9JJ
WALKING and BACK TO NETBALL – TENNIS COURSES for children and adults – YOGA book on line
DIY: TENNIS – TABLE TENNIS – SHUFFLEBOARD – MINI GOLF – BASKETBALL
<https://courtside.uk/bury-knowle/activities>
and meet friends in the CAFE <https://courtside.uk/bury-knowle/>

ARTWEEKS OXFORDSHIRE

2 - 25 May www.artweeks.org
2 - 10 May - South Oxfordshire & Vale of The White Horse 9 - 17 May - North and West Oxfordshire
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art, design and craftsmanship in every corner of the county - five hundred open studios, pop-up exhibitions and
other events – over 1,000 artists! - all free to visit; just drop-in
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shopping centres etc. but the website is very usefully interactive

OXFORD FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS April to July <https://artsfestivaloxford.org/whats-on/>
with the theme 'Signs, symbols and secrets' – in partnership with many city arts organisations
films – talks – exhibitions – concerts – drama – walks at multiple venues around the city
the Festival hub is at Magdalen School rose garden by Magdalen bridge
book on line - download the programme

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May Half Term 2026

MAY 2026 CAMPS
Tech-powered camps, packed with **WOW** experiences!

Example camp activities
Ages 5-11, Camps run 9 am - 4 pm

ROBOT LAB	3D PRINTING	ELECTRIC INVENTIONS	3D CREATIONS	ANIMATION
COOL CIRCUITS	CRAZY COOKING	3D PRINTING	MINICRAFT BEDSTONS	VIRTUAL REALITY

WOW EXPERIENCES

MINICRAFT	ANIMALS	STREET DANCE	SCIENCE	LASER TAG
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Activities vary by location, please visit our website to see what's running at your school.

WHAT TO EXPECT:
At Next Thing Education, our goal is to spark curiosity, fuel creativity and empower young minds for the future. Offering hands-on tech exploration with unforgettable WOW experiences, we inspire children to learn, create and discover. Led by tech-savvy, friendly and supportive instructors, we'll take care of everything including the exciting activities, challenges, and our all-building adventures.

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Dragon School, OX2 6SS
26th - 29th May 2026
www.nextthing.education

www.nextthing.education T: 01442 873150





National Year of Reading 2026

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23-24 May 2026

A family-oriented literary festival at St John's College, Oxford.

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ON THE QR CODE BELOW!**







May 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm

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OXFORD LEGO STORE opens Thursday 7 May at 10.00 Westgate Oxford, Lower Ground Floor, OX1 1PE
Big news for little (and big!) LEGO fans...
The brand new LEGO store at Westgate is opening next week and it's not just a shop; it's a proper learning experience: with play tables for all ages - build challenges and regular events - pick a brick wall - build a minifigure station to customise your own. It will be a perfect pit stop for families whilst you're in town. There will be opening offers in the first few days, so it's worth heading down early.
opening hours Monday - Friday: 10.00 – 8.00 Saturday: 9.00 – 8.00 Sunday: 11.00 – 5.00

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SPRING FAIR Harcourt Arboretum, Nuneham Courtenay, OX44 9PX
Saturday 9 May, 10.00 - 4.00
Welcome the season in full bloom with the family-friendly Spring Fair at Harcourt Arboretum. Wander through enchanting bluebell woods, discover unique creations from local makers, and enjoy hands-on crafts and activities designed to connect all ages with the natural world. Meet friendly farmyard animals, marvel at an exciting bird of prey display, browse a range of local retail stalls, and soak up the beauty of the Arboretum's vibrant spring landscapes. With great food, creative workshops, and plenty to explore, it's the perfect day out to celebrate the joy of spring.
Limited onsite parking is available but must be booked in advance - £10. Make use of Oxford Bus Company's free shuttle bus that will run every 20 minutes from Redbridge Park and Ride to the Arboretum. Find out more information below. Advance booking is recommended; early bird rates offered at the moment
£10.90 adult £9.70 members, seniors, under 16s children US go free
<https://tickets.ox.ac.uk/webstore/shop/viewItems.aspx?cg=bg&c=springfair>

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WESTON LIBRARY EXHIBITIONS Bodleian Weston Library, Broad Street, OX1 3BG
These exhibitions are FREE to visit – you can pop in and look at just one section at a time – and go back for more. And enjoy the cafe's cakes.....

PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE We have been domesticating animals for over ten thousand years. But why do we want tame wolves in our homes or wild cats on our laps? This exhibition explores the relationship between humans and their pets – or pets and their humans <https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/event/pets-and-their-people>

WONDER OF BIRDS opens 2 May Based on The Book of Birds by Jackie Morris and Robert Macfarlane - their third collaboration, following their internationally bestselling books of nature poetry and art, The Lost Words and The Lost Spells. The book brings together Morris's original illustrations and Macfarlane's writing to explore forty-nine bird species facing decline in the UK, reflecting on themes of loss, wonder and humanity's relationship with the natural world. It will be published on 7 May and launched at a talk in the Sheldonian Theatre that evening at 6.00
<https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/about/media/2026/mar/wonder-of-birds>
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jackie-morris-robert-macfarlane-the-book-of-birds-tickets-1974890586908>

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NATURE CLUB : BEE DAY Saturday 30 May 10.00, 12.30, 3.00
for ages 5-9 <https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/bee-day-2/>

SCIENCE CLUB : LEGO CREATIONS Saturday 13 June 10.00, 12.30, 3.00
for ages 5-9 <https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/lego-creations/>
likely to be VERY popular – book NOW!

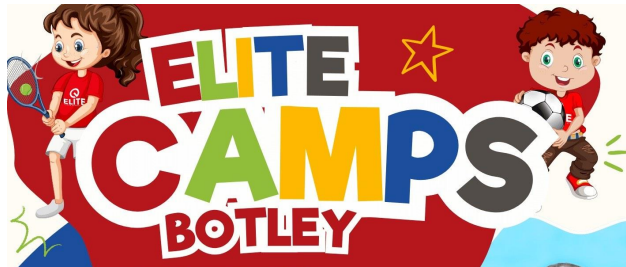
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(1) MEMORIES OF HILL END BLOG
With 2026 marking a century since the very first schools visited Hill End by charabanc from Oxford city, there is an exciting year planned; everyone who knows and loves Hill End is invited to get involved. One element is a collation of HILL END STORIES – a blog celebrating 100 years of outdoor learning. It is hoped to collect memories through the decades, with interesting and unusual things you might not know! Please add any stories you have, however short or vague and include photos if you have them <https://hill-end.org/about/stories> <https://hill-end.org/news/memory-bank/>
(2) FFENELL FESTIVAL Saturday 6 June 11.00-4.00
Named for the ffennell family who bought the Wytham estate and founded the outdoor school for inner city children in 1926, later gifting the whole estate to Oxford University: a family outdoor activity day with live music, barbecue and cafe climbing wall – downhill racers – weaving and spinning – bushcraft – willow weaving – sun prints – Real Kingdoms – badge making – tracks and signs – pond dipping – WW1 practice trenches tour – Korky Paul and Winnie the Witch story telling with prizes
booking essential £9 adults £4 children early bird £1 off adult rate until 6 May
<https://hill-end.org/news/ffennellfestival26/>

COURTSIDE @ BURY KNOWLE HUB Bury Knowle Park, OX3 9JJ
WALKING and BACK TO NETBALL – TENNIS COURSES for children and adults – YOGA book on line
DIY: TENNIS – TABLE TENNIS – SHUFFLEBOARD – MINI GOLF – BASKETBALL
<https://courtside.uk/bury-knowle/activities>
and meet friends in the CAFE <https://courtside.uk/bury-knowle>

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES – HEADINGTON'S GREEN SPACES
The map devised at the recent workshop is available as a hard copy from
Thornhill Park & Ride, coffee shop Courtside cafe in Bury Knowle Park
Cafe Coco on London Road, central Headington Cafe Grill at 12 Cherwell Drive, the bottom of Headley Way
After 12.00 pm: Red Lion, Marston Up In Arms, Ferry Road
there's also a QR code to access it but this newsletter's editor still does not have access to it
Further information about places to get outside locally are on <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/go-active-outdoors-green-spaces-nature>

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CENTRE *for* AUTISM WELLBEING HUB

Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond

As part of the University's centenary celebrations, we are hosting a free public hybrid (in person and online) event on the evening of 6 May on the theme of Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond.

Join us for an evening that brings together autistic children and young people, their families, students, professionals and researchers to explore what supports autistic children to flourish in education and everyday life.

The event will include talks from:

- **Professor Elizabeth McCrum, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education and Student Experience) at the University of Reading**
- **Dr Fiona Knott and Dr Jo Billington, Wellbeing Hub project leads**
- **Andy Smith, founder of Spectrum Gaming, and a passionate advocate for young people's voices in education.**

For in person attendees, there will also be an opportunity to review a poster presentation of current autism research from academics and students in the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences. Refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday 6 May

G10 lecture theatre,
Palmer Building,
Whiteknights Campus,
RG6 6EW

In person:
18:45–21:00

Online:
19:00–20:30 via
Microsoft Teams



For more details and to book your place, please visit our website research.reading.ac.uk/autism, or scan the QR code





FRIDESWIDE VOICES

Applications now open



We're looking for new singers who will be aged 7 in September to join Frideswide Voices, the girls' choir of Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford. No previous experience is necessary - just a love of singing!

Find out more and come to a free 'Be A Chorister For A Day' taster session on the 2nd of May:



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Superheroes Save Planet Earth!

AUTUMN TERM ADVENTURE

From September to December, primary school children can become superheroes and join Supa Dupa on an action-packed mission to save the planet in this exciting **FREE** theatre-in-education workshop.

Through imaginative play, children travel to Party Land where they must outsmart the Bad Boppa and learn how to protect the Earth by reducing waste, reusing materials and recycling. This workshop supports communication and language, expressive arts, music, PSHE and English.



WHAT YOUR STUDENTS CAN EXPECT:

A 25-minute workshop led by a professionally trained, DBS-checked actor appearing in character as Supa Dupa, guiding pupils through a high-energy superhero adventure.

WHY YOUR SCHOOL WILL LOVE IT:

Classroom friendly – perfect for enhancing your current projects on the environment, sustainability or PSHE topics.

Imagination driven fun – students will be fully engaged, active and immersed in drama while learning key skills.

*"Jack was incredibly engaging and the children loved every second of the workshop!
It inspired our children to learn more about the environment."*

North Baddesley Infant School

Find out more

Visit perform.org.uk/perform-schools/drama4all/superheroes
to read more and book online or call us on 020 7255 9121
drama4all@perform.org.uk



May Events

The North Wall
Arts Centre



Family Music

Ages 2 - 7

The Family Folk Show

Sat 9 May 11.30am & 2pm

Award-winning folk duo **Megson** blend their infectious mix of heavenly vocals and lush harmonies into a gentle, entertaining concert specially for younger children, featuring children's folk songs old and new from their *WHEN I WAS A LAD & LITTLE BIRD* albums.

Tickets £12 (£8 child, under 2s free)

NW Inventors

Ages 8-11

Improvisation

Tue 26 - Wed 27 May
9am - 12pm

Join us for a playful and brave exploration of thinking on our feet, going with the flow and being faced with the unexpected all whilst we learn the golden rules of improvisation and performance. Expect plenty of games, lots of laughs and heaps of fun!

Tickets £40 / Full bursaries available



The North Wall, South Parade, Oxford OX2 7JN
Book now: thenorthwall.com



May 2026

St Nics Holiday Club

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



LOCATION:

St Nicholas' Primary School, Oxford

DATES & TIMES:

8:00am - 5:00pm
Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May

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HOW TO BOOK:

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